

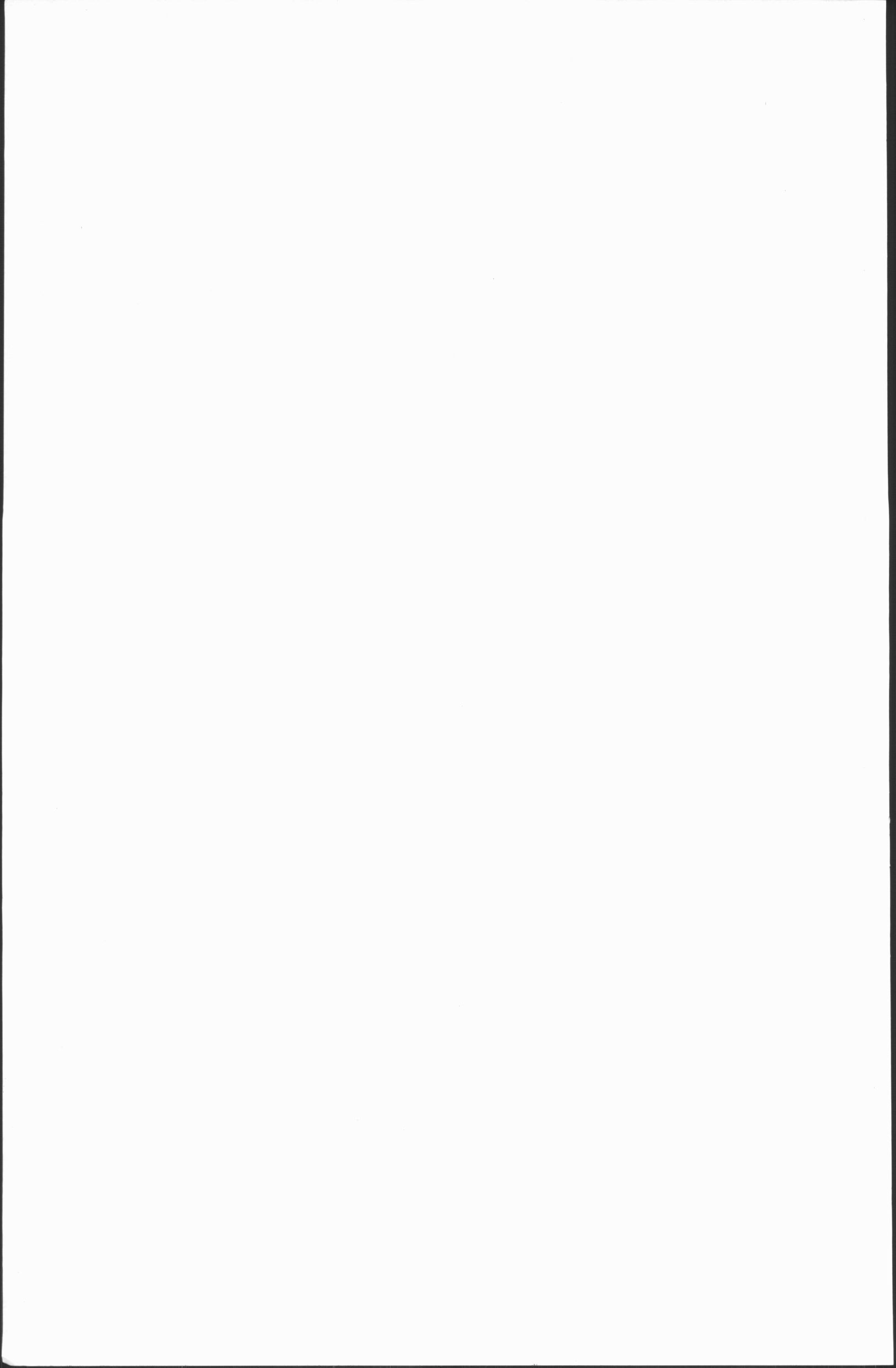
MONTHLY
STATISTICAL
SUMMARY



WESTERN
AUSTRALIA

MAY, 1960

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POPULATION ESTIMATES

Whole State at 31.12.1959

Males - 372,252 Females - 354,237 Persons - 726,489

Metropolitan at 31.12.1959

Persons - 393,000

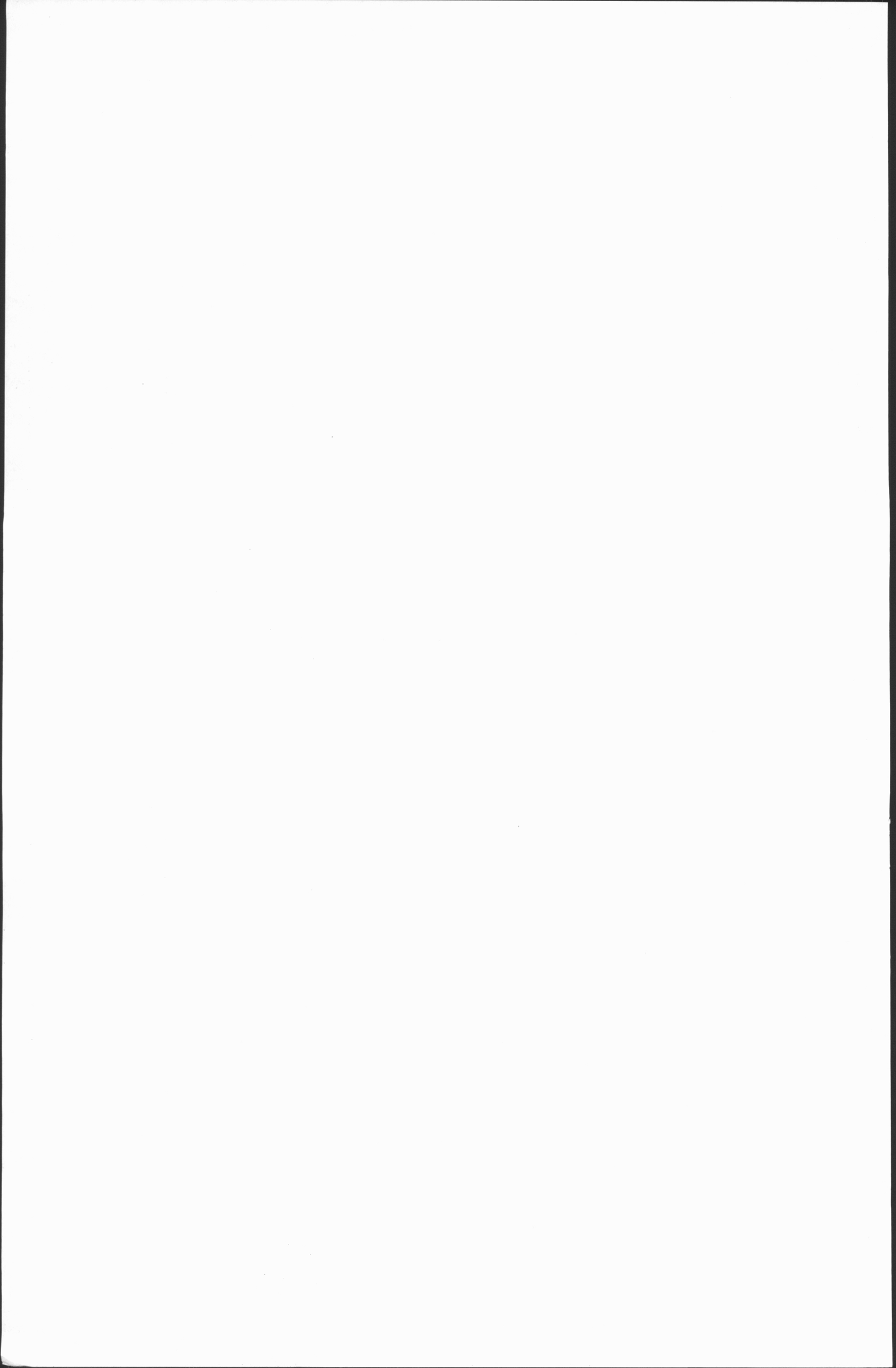
MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Particulars	APRIL				Four Months ended APRIL			
	1960		1959		1960		1959	
	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)	Number	Rate(a)
Marriages	467	7.81	679	11.55	1,941	8.06	2,040	8.68
Births	1,282	21.44	1,638	27.86	5,327	22.13	5,686	24.19
Deaths	407	6.81	562	9.56	1,653	6.87	1,737	7.39
Infant Mortality (b)	30	23.40	2.26	15.87	121	22.74	110	19.35

(a) Equivalent annual rate per 1,000 of population except for Infant Mortality which represents rate per 1,000 live births. (b) Deaths under one year.

DEATHS BY PRINCIPAL CAUSES

Cause	APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Tuberculosis	1	4	10	10
Malignant neoplasms	58	93	289	310
Diabetes mellitus	2	3	17	13
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	3	5	6
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	36	63	168	217
Diseases of the heart	132	163	494	519
Hypertension with heart disease	4	16	33	35
Other hypertensive diseases	7	1	13	11
Arteriosclerosis	17	18	52	42
Influenza	1	27	4	28
Pneumonia	15	31	59	57
Bronchitis	7	6	21	21
Other respiratory diseases	4	6	14	17
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	4	12	12
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	1	1	7	8
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	-	2	1	3
Cirrhosis of the liver	3	1	10	6
Nephritis and nephrosis	6	6	16	16
Disease of the prostate	4	7	15	16
Maternal causes	-	3	-	4
Diseases of early infancy	19	16	80	66
Motor vehicle accidents	24	21	75	62
Other accidents	12	12	65	75
Suicide	11	9	31	29
All other causes	38	46	162	154
Total:	407	562	1,653	1,737



LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the five months ended May, 1960, totalled 275,606 acres, a decrease of 207,923 acres compared with the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 1,749,687 acres, a decrease of 7,597,146 acres compared with the corresponding period of 1959.

STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	6,372,680	5,422,003	56,049,936	52,856,021
Revenue per Head of Population	8. 14. 6	7. 11. 3	77. 6. 2	74. 5. 11
Expenditure	5,318,451	5,158,740	58,903,766	56,716,285
Expenditure per Head of Population	7. 5. 7	7. 3. 11	81. 4. 11	79. 14. 5

SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of May, 1960 amounted to £76,800,536 or £105-1-3 per head of population as against £69,628,374 or £97-0-6 per head at the end of May, 1959.

BANK CLEARANCES

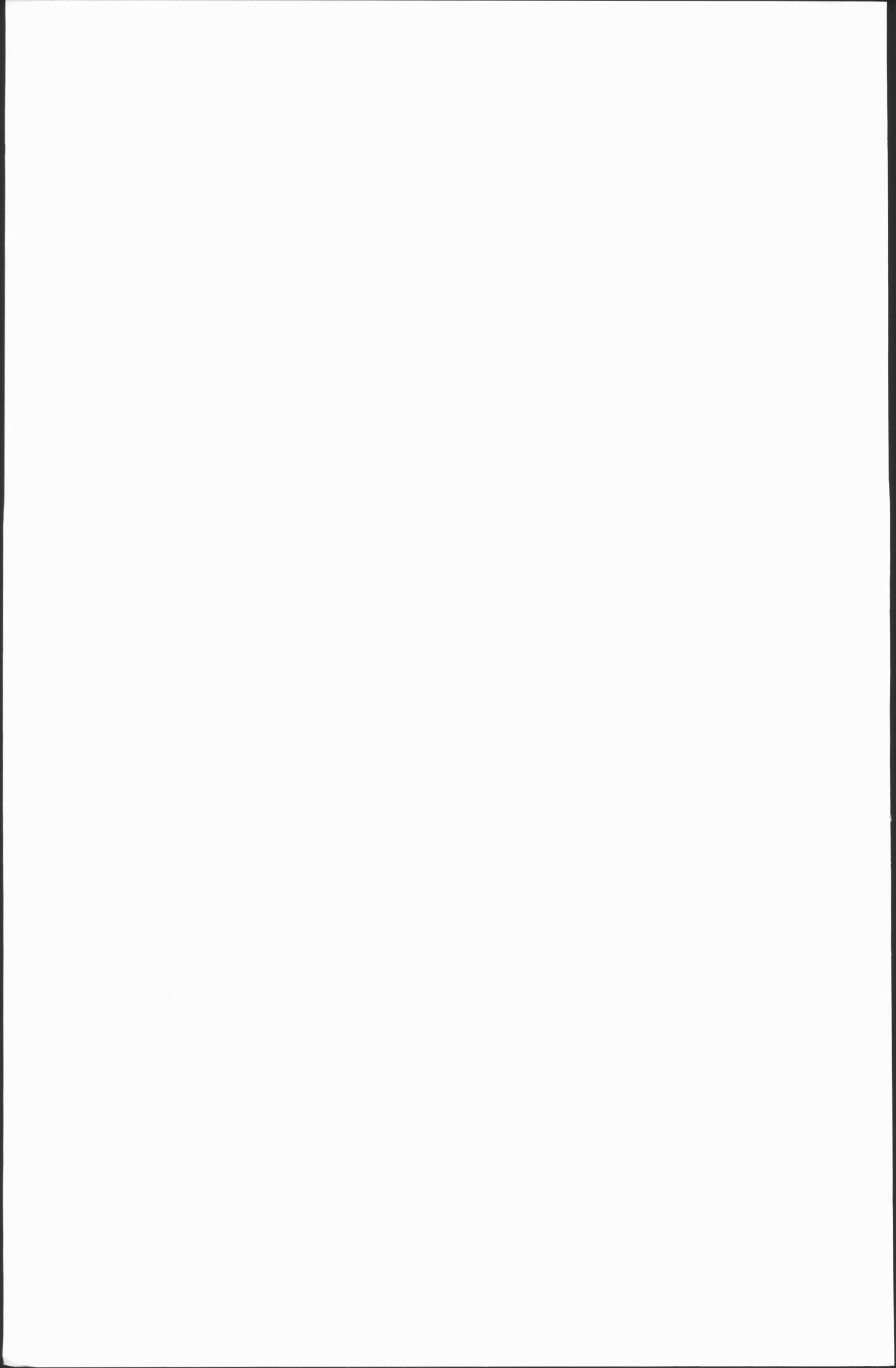
The average weekly clearance for the four weeks ended 25th May, 1960, amounted to £22,265,619 compared with £15,656,085 for the corresponding period last year.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		MAY		Eleven Months ended MAY	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Transfers	No.	2,030	1,656	19,947	17,536
	£.	4,342,449	3,064,720	36,205,721	29,806,011
Mortgages	No.	1,588	1,321	15,074	13,672
	£.	3,698,306	2,606,188	34,000,048	27,028,086
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,187	995	11,776	10,189

SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS
AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
May, 1960	5,055,665	4,031,049	11,527,576	803,386
May, 1959	3,917,632	3,480,626	11,544,270	552,059
Eleven Months ended May, 1960	49,254,066	37,607,625	123,815,473	7,910,550
Eleven Months ended May, 1959	43,696,361	35,296,895	112,758,144	6,595,139



COMPANIES REGISTERED

303 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £16,227,800 and 138 Foreign Companies were registered during the eleven months ended May, 1960. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 210 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £10,467,852 and 108 Foreign Companies.

BANKRUPTCY

Item	Eleven Months ended MAY					
	1960			1959		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	109	299,386	81,929	103	449,587	96,493
Compositions, Assignments and Deeds of Arrangement(a)	74	243,370	270,684	83	431,290	388,980

(a) Under Parts XI and XII of Bankruptcy Act.

TRANSPORT

The operations of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1960	1959	1960	1959
Gross Earnings (a)* £.	1,267,300	1,329,800	12,336,900	11,220,300
Operating Expenses (a) £.	1,205,490	1,278,714	12,678,946	12,306,699
Train Miles Run No.	649,084	686,454	6,633,028	6,360,158
Motor Bus Miles Run No.	(b)91,131	(c)100,916	(d)954,923	(e)956,790
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>				
Train No.	1,013,650	1,094,478	11,533,374	11,927,104
Motor Bus No.	20,889	18,862	217,115	217,747
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>				
Paying Goods	387,002	420,518	3,635,245	3,049,194
Livestock	9,064	10,199	138,321	129,372
Departmental (Free Freight)	33,914	60,122	515,817	595,350
Total:	429,980	490,839	4,289,383	3,773,916
<u>Net Ton Milage of -</u>				
Paying Goods	59,708,812	65,320,230	563,335,685	495,224,050
Livestock	1,145,304	1,070,877	17,993,066	16,848,702
Departmental (Free Freight)	3,078,140	4,869,906	47,847,072	54,238,050
Total:	63,932,256	71,261,013	629,175,823	566,310,802

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

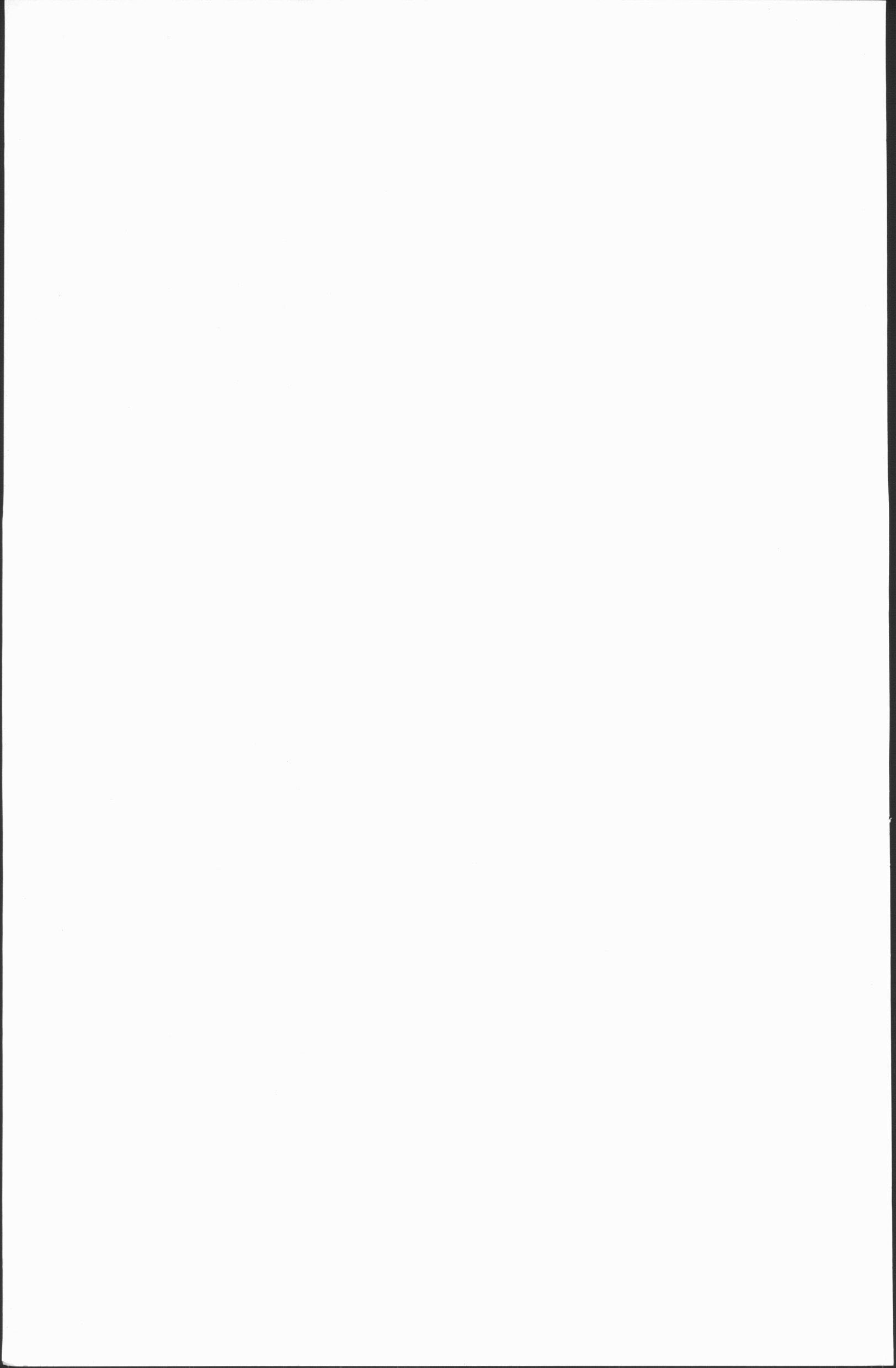
(b) Four weeks ended 26th March.

(c) Four weeks ended 28th March.

(d) Period 1st July to 26th March.

(e) Period 1st July to 28th March.

* Figures subject to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS

(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958	5,794	762	1,942	15	1,306	9,548	1,290	4,784	43	1,860
1959	5,957	1,205	2,454	20	1,615	9,785	1,962	5,684	55	2,187
1959 -										
April	419	82	197	1	151	692	119	457	4	197
May	408	85	216	-	150	682	126	465	2	203
June	434	99	208	1	105	721	155	450	3	144
July	479	123	229	-	118	799	176	486	2	176
August	489	109	225	9	76	814	189	487	12	125
September	528	132	249	3	131	828	210	514	4	181
October	578	117	256	1	128	959	207	571	2	163
November	703	112	196	1	138	1,091	207	505	1	194
December	645	113	207	4	169	1,092	218	528	6	217
1960 -										
January	471	75	134	-	123	711	142	326	2	170
February	559	136	204	-	178	903	214	427	7	232
March	632	114	186	7	144	987	199	470	10	177
April	610	121	157	3	85	945	216	401	8	114

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

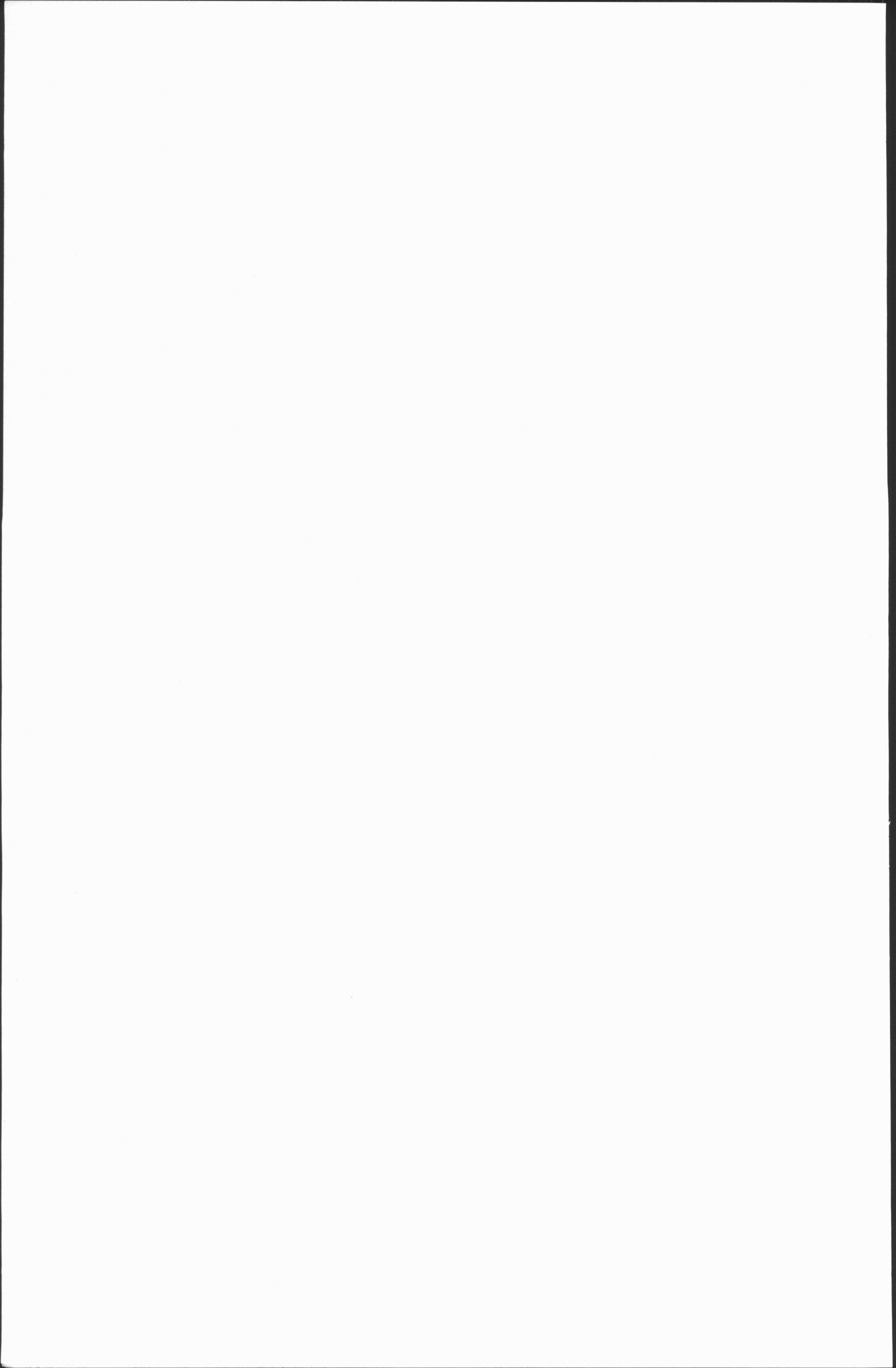
Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
December	73,190	24,908	545	8,759	114,685	65,582	1,177	12,935
1959 -								
June	75,203	25,222	584	9,080	118,112	66,617	1,213	13,411
December	78,759	25,955	571	9,416	123,293	68,017	1,191	13,559
1960 -								
January	79,633	26,120	571	9,464	122,846	67,210	1,102	13,352
February	79,930	26,152	571	9,573	123,988	67,566	1,194	13,538
March	80,399	26,149	565	9,581	125,271	68,301	1,197	13,714
April	81,064	26,180	559	9,579	125,710	68,060	1,190	13,545

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL		APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Oversea	4,397	3,709	37,847	39,183	7,429	8,066	98,681	78,254
Interstate	7,896	7,903	96,919	79,923	2,270	2,430	29,117	26,921
Total:	12,293	11,612	134,766	119,106	9,699	10,496	127,798	105,175



BUILDING ACTIVITY

(1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,242	8,496	19,934
1953	2,988	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958	1,371	3,884	4,638	13,978	146	1,851	714	10,735	6,869	30,448
1959	1,452	3,880	4,657	14,134	138	986	731	9,376	6,978	28,376
1960 - March Qr.	290	749	1,088	3,372	34	323	164	1,950	1,576	6,394

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) below.

(2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

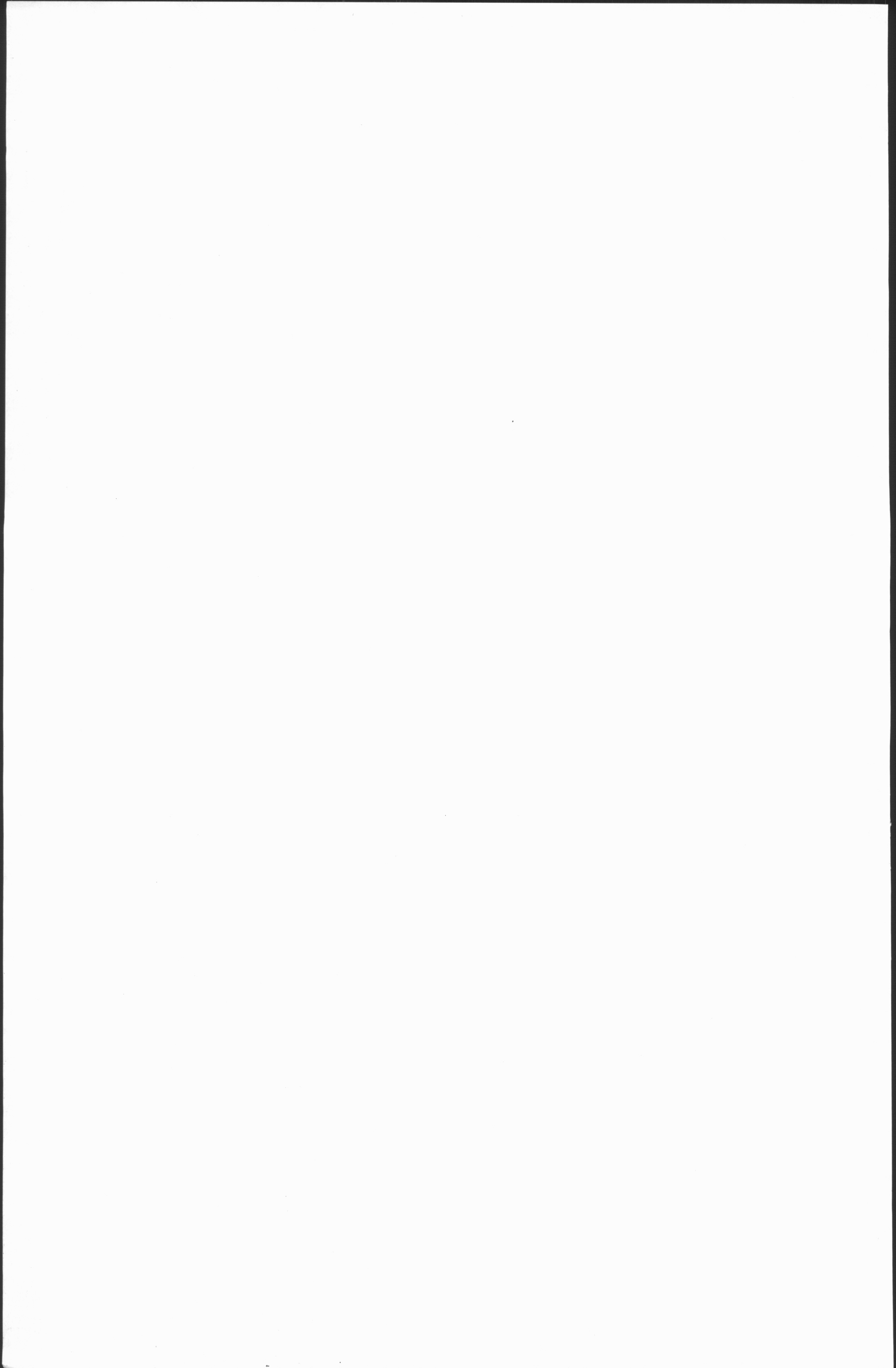
(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Cement, etc.		Wood or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000	No.	Value £'000
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958	3,764	12,501	41	115	1,935	4,547	3	4	5,743	17,167
1959	3,762	12,327	28	58	2,066	4,780	6	13	5,862	17,178
1960 - March Qr.	968	3,104	7	16	380	872	1	1	1,356	3,993

MINE PRODUCTION OF GOLD (a)

Item		APRIL		Four Months ended APRIL	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
Quantity	Fine oz.	74,129	63,899	274,918	268,045
Value (Aust. Currency)	£.	1,158,263	998,424	4,295,587	4,188,198
Dividends reported by Gold Mining Companies	£.	-	-	265,144	227,344

(a) Including gold contained in gold-bearing materials exported. Value is in terms of Australian currency, excluding amounts realized by the Gold Producers' Association Limited on sales of Western Australian gold and amount of subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.



RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH		MARCH Quarter		Twelve Months ended MARCH	
	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960	1959	1960
Metropolitan Area	3000	3162	2986	3111	2770	2869	2758	2832
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3249	3391	3224	3361	2679	2750	2665	2730
Northam	3088	3145	3093	3150	2711	2761	2712	2753
Bunbury	3059	3126	3088	3107	2805	2870	2796	2849
Geraldton	3258	3457	3241	3420	2994	3125	2971	3097
Collie	3146	3281	3175	3247	2528	2599	2533	2575

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Excluding Wage Earners in Rural Industry, Female Private Domestic and Personnel in Defence Forces. Prior to December, 1959 excludes also National Service Trainees in camp.)

(Thousands)

Month	Males	Females	Persons	Month	Males	Females	Persons
<u>1958:</u>				<u>1959 (cont.):</u>			
May	138.8	45.9	184.7	May	140.2	47.3	187.5
June	138.6	45.6	184.2	June	140.0	47.0	187.0
July	138.7	45.7	184.4	July	140.1	47.0	187.1
August	139.0	45.9	184.9	August	139.9	46.9	186.8
September	139.7	46.3	186.0	September	140.7	47.3	188.0
October	140.0	46.4	186.4	October	141.0	47.6	188.6
November	139.7	46.6	186.3	November	141.1	48.2	189.3
December	140.1	46.9	187.0	December	140.8	48.2	189.0
<u>1959:</u>				<u>1960:</u>			
January	140.0	46.4	186.4	January	140.8	47.3	188.1
February	140.0	46.7	186.7	February	141.5	48.4	189.9
March	140.6	47.1	187.7	March	141.4	48.8	190.2
April	140.7	47.2	187.9	April	141.0	48.7	189.7

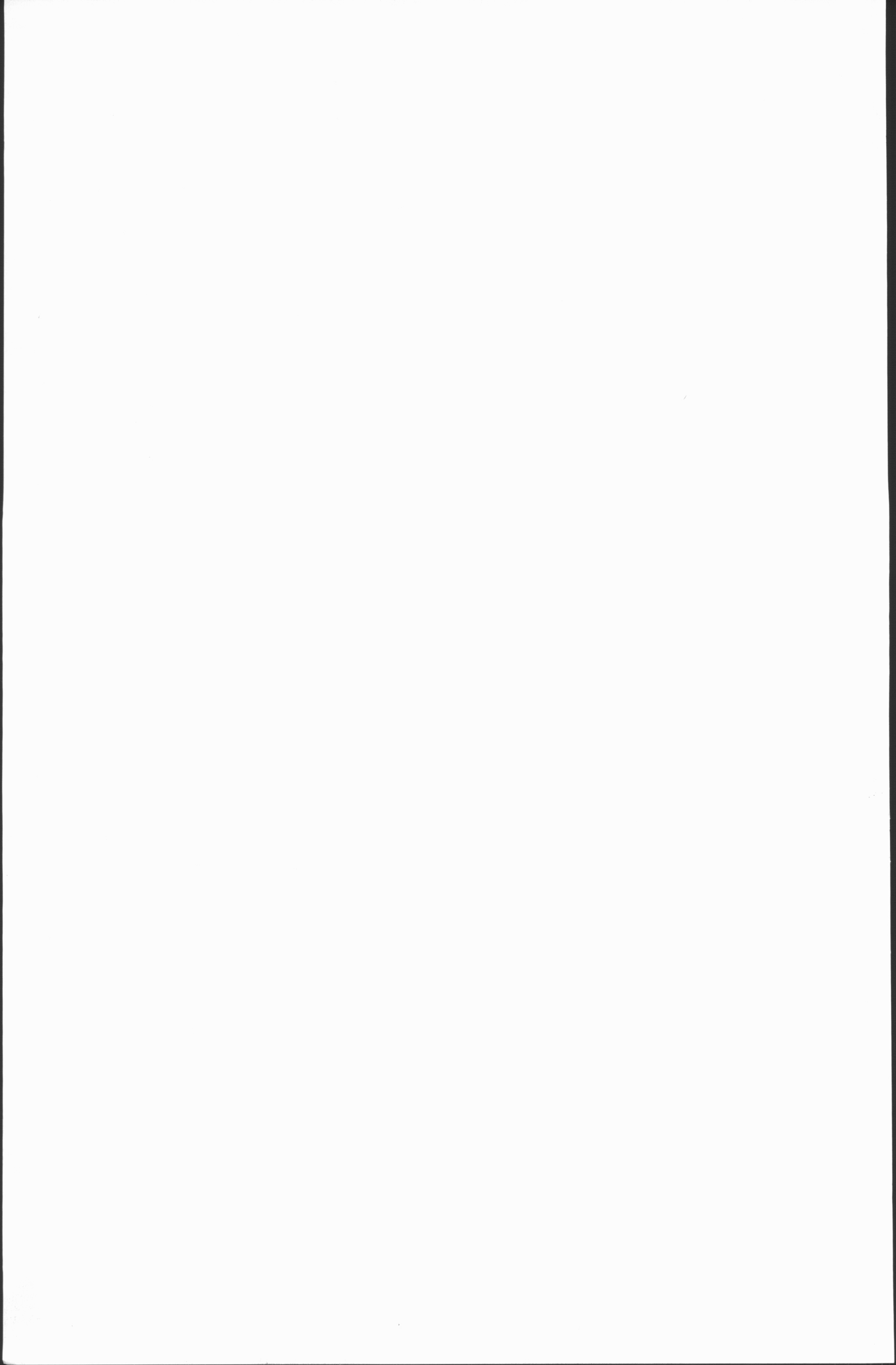
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INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
January	226	237	241	232	231	229	233
February	228	240	241	235	233	231	236
March	231	242	240	236	234	233	235
April	230	243	239	234	233	233	234
May	231	242	238	234	230	232	
June	230	239	235	231	228	229	
July	230	238	231	229	229	229	
August	230	239	230	229	229	230	
September	232	241	233	232	230	232	
October	233	241	233	232	232	233	
November	234	243	233	233	231	235	
December	233	242	232	232	231	234	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1959 are preliminary.



STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area			South-West Land Division			Goldfields and Rest of State		
	Male			Female			Male		
	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
2/5/60	14.	6.	4	10.	14.	9	14.	3.	1
	10.	12.	4	13.	18.	10	10.	9.	2

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS AND MEAT PRODUCTION

(1) SLAUGHTERINGS (Number)

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
April, 1960	12,959	2,000	147,992	48,867	12,768
April, 1959	15,628	2,531	132,447	42,867	13,513
10 Months ended April, 1960	169,665	23,312	1,536,337	730,360	146,290
10 Months ended April, 1959	167,866	26,403	1,357,993	735,660	170,614

(2) MEAT PRODUCTION (Tons)

Period	Beef	Veal	Mutton	Lamb	Pork(a)
April, 1960	2,460	72	2,573	665	711
April, 1959	2,966.	87	2,389	562	712
10 Months ended April, 1960	34,682	890	26,992	10,081	8,061
10 Months ended April, 1959	33,571	1,020	25,230	10,237	8,643

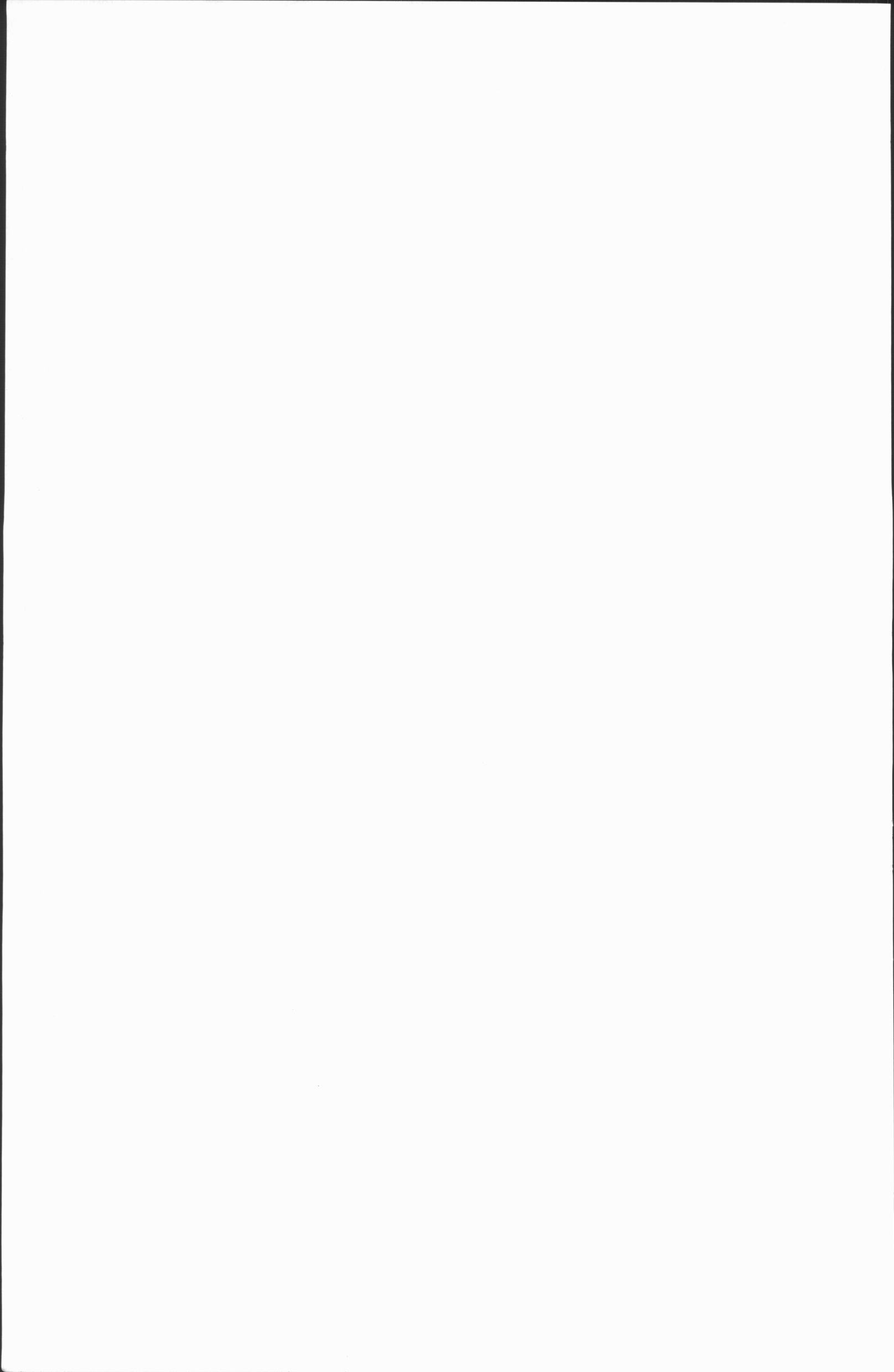
(a) Includes pork for bacon and ham - see page 12.

ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area.

Period	Non-Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State	Metro-politan	Whole State
1954	5,072	6,896	2,415	3,289	7,487	10,185	96	185	3,028	4,309
1955	5,878	7,907	2,237	3,158	8,115	11,065	110	199	2,669	3,987
1956	5,866	7,961	2,161	3,036	8,027	10,997	102	182	2,653	3,889
1957	6,150	8,343	2,244	3,220	8,394	11,563	87	152	2,733	4,068
1958	6,614	8,691	2,412	3,451	9,026	12,142	80	183	2,990	4,478
1959	6,349	8,492	2,474	3,521	8,823	12,013	86	171	3,135	4,624
4 Months ended April, 1959	1,821	2,510	807	1,141	2,628	3,651	25	54	1,015	1,516
4 Months ended April, 1960	2,099	2,829	878	1,202	2,977	4,031	32	66	1,089	1,558
1960 -										
January	525	713	208	283	733	996	8	18	273	376
February	495	671	213	293	708	964	4	12	256	362
March	576	764	231	314	807	1,078	11	21	281	409
April	503	681	226	312	729	993	9	15	279	411



AVERAGE FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRICES (METROPOLITAN MARKETS)

Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognized season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

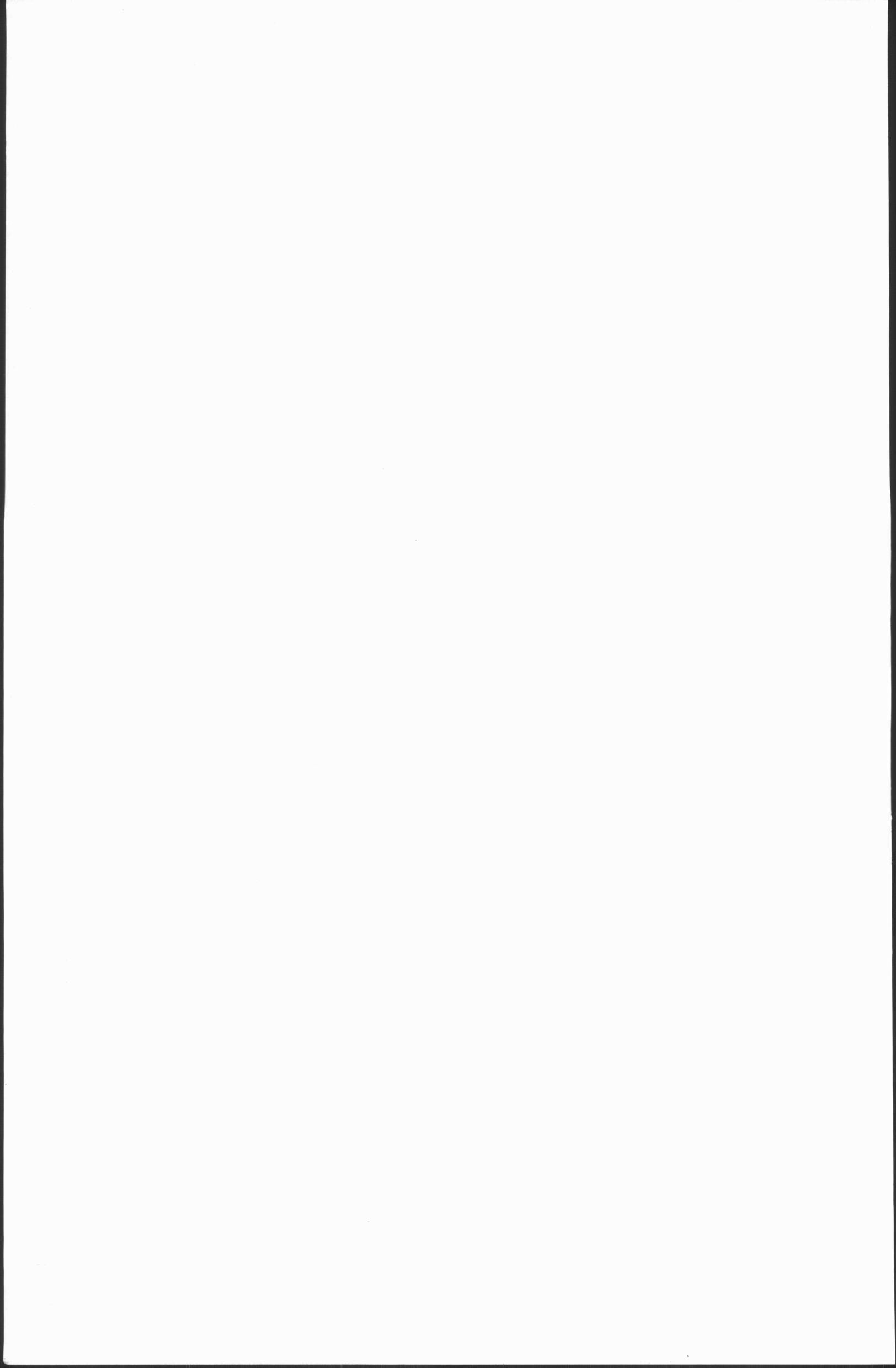
Item	Unit	1959								1960				
		May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
FRUIT														
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	15. 7	13. 9	13. 0	10. 2	12.10	12. 6	11. 6	11. 2	11. 3	12. 8	14. 0	14. 1	10. 6
Oranges - Navel	bush.	39.11	30. 0	27. 8	29. 2	32. 7	40. 3	-	-	-	-	-	34. 6	24. 1
- Val.	bush.	-	-	-	25. 6	28. 0	28. 8	28. 4	29. 0	35. 1	38. 9	34. 4	33. 6	-
Bananas - Local	lb.	9	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 1	1. 4	1. 1	1. 0	1. 0	10	11	10	1. 2
Apples - G.Smith	bush.	22. 7	22. 4	25. 2	25. 5	32. 9	38. 6	40. 7	38. 7	44. 3	-	15.10	15. 7	18. 2
- Other	bush.	26. 6	23. 6	24. 9	26.10	29. 5	34. 4	42. 6	49.10	37. 6	24.11	22. 4	24.10	24. 9
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	21.10	17. 3	23.10	27. 0	27.11	-	-	-	-	26. 8	23. 3	22. 6	18. 0
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	32.11	38.10	42.11	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	33. 0	29. 0	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	46. 2	30.11	36. 3	29. 8	31.11	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	-	-	-	22.10	27. 8	34. 6	28. 9	26. 5	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	28. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	26. 4	28. 4	29. 0	27. 4	26. 7	28. 7
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate(a)	11. 1	7. 1	6. 4	5. 2	5. 2	6. 3	7. 6	6. 2	4. 1	4. 7	5. 5	10. 4	18. 5
Cauliflowers	dozen	17.10	9. 9	13. 8	9. 4	16. 5	16. 9	14. 2	-	-	15. 7	19. 1	12.11	19.10
Lettuce	crate	11. 7	15. 2	9.10	11. 3	13. 4	11. 4	11. 9	6. 0	6.11	9. 4	8. 3	8. 3	7. 3
Table Celery	doz.head	6.10	7. 0	6. 6	6. 9	7. 5	9. 2	8. 7	7.10	6. 8	10. 2	10. 9	9. 5	7. 1
Beetroot	cwt.	19. 4	24. 5	21.10	22. 8	26. 1	24. 1	22. 8	25. 6	20.11	31. 5	27. 2	34. 2	42.11
Carrots	cwt.	41. 6	36. 0	24. 6	25. 1	28. 6	61. 4	57. 5	23.11	17. 1	19. 0	18. 6	17.11	18. 8
Parsnips	cwt.	125. 4	87. 9	64. 2	45.11	46. 6	44.11	47. 1	46.10	38. 2	35. 5	37. 0	32. 7	27.11
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.bag	12. 2	12. 6	5.10	4. 4	5. 0	4. 8	9. 3	7. 0	5. 0	6.11	7. 9	11.11	21. 0
Swedes	cwt.	57. 1	38.10	30. 3	29. 7	27. 4	29. 6	44.10	49. 9	25. 9	22.10	33. 6	26.10	29. 9
Runner Beans	lb.	11	1. 0	1. 3	1. 3	1. 5	1. 6	9	8	5	5	6	9	1. 9
Peas	lb.	1. 3	1. 5	1. 9	1. 0	1. 0	1. 0	11	1. 2	1. 5	1. 4	1. 8	1. 5	1. 4
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	4	5	6	6	7	9	10	8	11	6	5	4	4
Pumpkin	bag	17. 6	19. 3	19. 2	29. 6	36. 1	43. 1	60. 6	42. 5	23. 9	17.11	14. 7	15.11	21. 6
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	20.10	19. 8	28. 3	35.11	28. 3	21. 5	18. 2	15. 9	19. 1	18. 6	15. 9	16. 3	23. 3
		£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.	£. s.d.
Onions (b)	ton	50. 0.0	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	55. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0	60. 0.0
Potatoes (d)	ton	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0	37.15.0

(a) 50 lb. crate.

(b) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

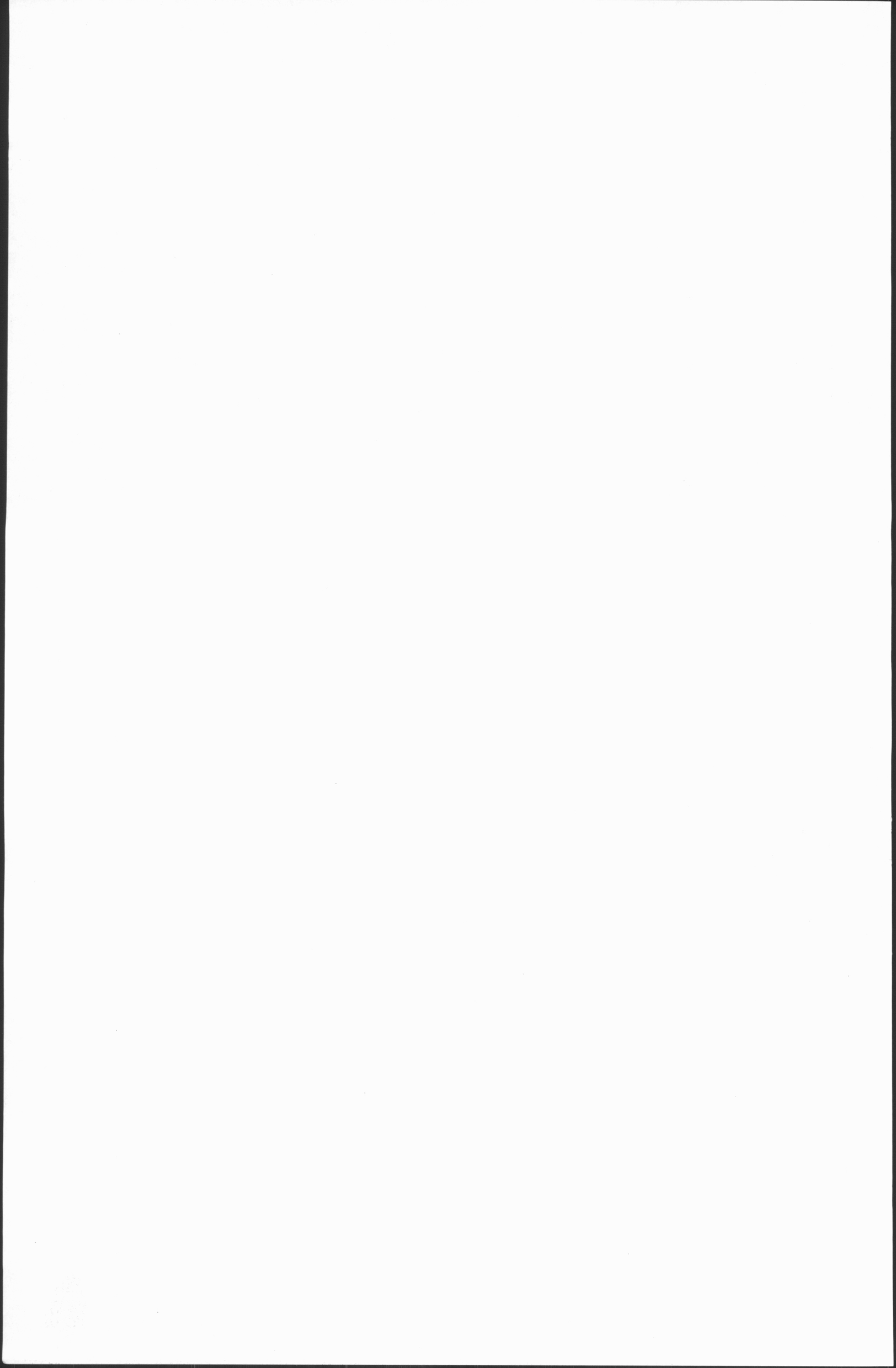
(c) Onion Pool closed.

(d) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.



AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK - GOOD QUALITY - SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

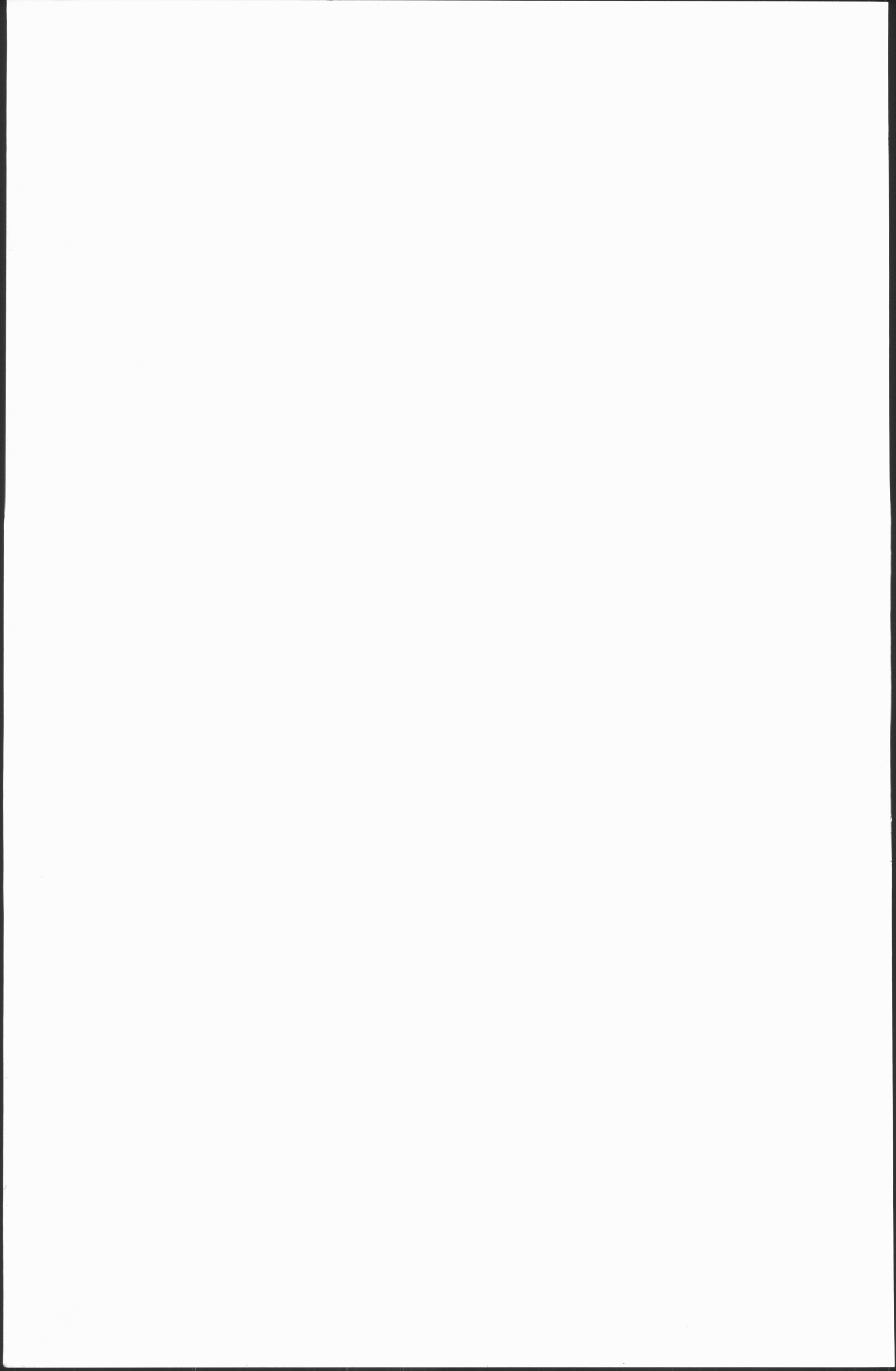
Item	1959								1960				
	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
SHEEP													
Suckers	-	-	4.10. 5	3.12. 7	2.14.11	2.12. 5	2. 9. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lambs													
In Wool	4. 9. 2	5. 3. 3	4. 6. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.19. 6	4. 7. 0
Shorn	-	4. 9. 6	3. 9. 4	-	-	2. 1.10	2. 4. 6	2.12. 2	2.18.11	3. 5. 8	3.13. 8	3. 2. 2	3. 9. 6
Hoggets													
In Wool	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9.11	4. 1. 2
Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.10. 7	2.16. 9	2.17. 0	3. 8. 8	-	-
Ewes													
In Wool	2.14. 2	3. 5. 6	3. 3. 3	3. 6.10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.16. 2	3. 6. 8
Shorn	-	-	1.14.11	1.16. 2	1. 6. 4	1. 3. 4	1. 3. 9	1.11. 3	1.14.11	1.19. 8	2. 5. 8	1.16. 5	1.19.11
Wethers													
In Wool	3. 4. 0	3.13. 1	3.12. 1	3.13. 9	2.18. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	3. 9. 7	3.14.11
Shorn	2. 3.11	2. 9.11	2. 7. 8	2. 2. 3	1.14. 6	1.13. 7	1.13.10	2. 2. 0	2.11. 8	2.14. 9	2.17. 3	2. 0.11	2.10. 7
CATTLE													
Baby Beef	39.11. 4	37.17.11	37. 7.11	36. 7. 1	31.10. 1	29.17. 1	30. 1. 9	30. 0. 9	31.16.10	33.18.11	36. 2. 9	40. 5. 6	40. 8.11
Heifers	-	43.11. 0	44.17. 2	42.19. 9	40. 9. 4	35. 8.10	36. 5. 5	37. 0. 6	38.11. 6	-	43.13. 2	51. 7. 9	47.10. 0
Cows	51. 7. 7	50. 3. 0	48.14. 0	47. 7. 3	45. 2.10	42. 9. 7	44. 9. 3	44.19. 1	47. 8. 9	50. 6.10	53. 8. 5	56. 2. 4	56. 5.11
Steers	55.14. 4	51. 2. 1	49. 4. 8	50. 2. 9	45. 4. 1	44.15. 6	44.17. 4	46. 5. 5	49.13. 8	51.13. 7	53.17. 9	59.16. 8	53.12. 6
Bullocks	56.15. 1	60.11. 2	-	56.15. 2	51. 7.10	51. 4. 2	52. 2.10	53. 6. 2	-	-	-	69. 4. 0	61.17. 9
PIGS													
Slips	6. 1. 6	6. 8. 4	6.18. 5	7.15. 1	6.15.10	5. 8. 2	6.15. 5	7. 3. 2	7. 1.10	6. 9. 4	6.18. 9	7. 9. 2	5. 8. 4
Porkers	9.13. 6	10.17.10	10.15. 0	11.12. 8	12.13. 0	12. 7. 6	11.14. 7	11.17. 2	11. 4. 3	11.17.10	11.13. 5	11.19. 4	10.17. 5
Baconers	15. 2. 8	15.14. 5	16. 0.11	17. 9. 4	20. 4. 4	20. 5. 9	18.14. 0	18. 9. 2	18. 7. 3	17. 6. 0	16.17. 8	17. 0. 3	16. 3. 2



RETAIL HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES - NEW AGREEMENTS MADE (a)

Period	Motor Vehicles, Tractors, etc.			Plant and Machinery			Household and Personal Goods (b)			Total (All Goods)			Total Balances Outstanding at end of each period (e)
	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	Agree- ments Made	Total Value of Goods(c)	Amount Financed (d)	
	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	No.	£'000	£'000	£'000
1954-55	21,679	14,645	8,505	745	604	387	49,831	3,835	3,091	72,255	19,084	11,983	14,151
1955-56	21,810	14,644	9,133	821	531	334	57,592	4,484	3,674	80,223	19,659	13,141	15,388
1956-57	20,790	13,524	8,325	1,385	963	604	60,417	4,338	3,523	82,592	18,825	12,452	15,488
1957-58	26,321	18,176	11,263	1,829	1,542	1,081	64,214	4,811	3,880	92,364	24,529	16,224	19,052
1958-59	26,998	18,216	11,264	2,145	1,782	1,167	51,842	4,175	3,347	80,985	24,173	15,778	20,779
1958 - April	2,303	1,757	1,059	226	204	143	4,485	331	267	7,014	2,292	1,469	18,534
May	2,314	1,645	1,028	170	129	95	4,938	358	285	7,422	2,132	1,408	18,859
June	2,078	1,409	874	102	75	57	4,927	323	267	7,107	1,807	1,198	19,052
July	2,252	1,472	908	112	58	41	4,513	311	250	6,877	1,841	1,199	19,160
August	2,050	1,323	815	101	116	90	4,294	302	246	6,445	1,741	1,151	19,363
September	2,234	1,523	945	146	117	77	4,406	346	276	6,786	1,986	1,298	19,605
October	2,602	1,673	1,037	234	230	143	5,035	387	321	7,871	2,290	1,501	20,107
November	2,283	1,645	1,024	324	367	234	4,881	402	328	7,488	2,414	1,586	20,708
December	2,355	1,593	992	190	174	110	6,086	494	402	8,631	2,261	1,504	21,201
1959 - January	2,343	1,512	952	114	62	43	4,592	480	360	7,049	2,054	1,355	21,308
February	2,140	1,441	893	139	111	71	3,532	325	254	5,811	1,877	1,218	20,570
March	2,122	1,569	956	188	143	95	3,653	280	228	5,963	1,992	1,279	20,526
April	2,262	1,598	977	274	204	129	3,817	313	251	6,353	2,115	1,357	20,699
May	2,178	1,455	896	192	123	82	3,833	272	221	6,203	1,850	1,199	20,818
June	2,177	1,412	869	131	77	52	3,200	263	210	5,508	1,752	1,131	20,779
July	2,213	1,562	952	139	97	63	3,374	297	232	5,726	1,956	1,247	20,878
August	2,282	1,641	1,026	132	87	61	3,660	284	229	6,074	2,012	1,316	21,107
September	2,446	1,596	1,002	174	145	89	3,790	360	292	6,410	2,101	1,383	21,407
October	2,620	1,822	1,154	354	352	223	3,663	356	288	6,637	2,530	1,665	21,991
November	2,687	1,987	1,231	445	534	335	3,871	427	344	7,003	2,948	1,910	22,892
December	2,889	2,165	1,360	221	224	138	4,709	461	368	7,819	2,850	1,866	23,633
1960 - January	Particulars not yet available												(f) 23,721
February	do.												(f) 22,869
March	do.												(f) 23,287

(a) Figures relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. (b) Includes furniture and furnishings, domestic refrigerators, electrical goods, radios, musical instruments, bicycles and other household and personal goods. (c) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (d) Excludes hiring charges and insurance. (e) Includes hiring charges and insurance. (f) Preliminary estimate.



RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

(£ million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food- Stuffs, Soft Drinks	Beer, Wine and Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings	Foot- wear	Hardware, China and Glass- ware (b)	Elect- rical Goods, Pianos, etc.	Furniture, Floor Coverings, Mattresses	Chem- ists' Goods	News- papers, Books, Station- ery	Other Goods (c)	Total (excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.)	Motor Veh- icles, Trac- tors, Parts, Petrol, etc. (d)
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	12.6	1.7	3.8	2.4	3.0	1.6	1.7	7.5	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	20.5	3.6	9.3	6.1	5.2	3.2	3.3	18.2	126.4	37.3
1956-57	26.2	11.3	18.6	17.6	24.2	3.9	10.1	7.5	6.1	4.6	4.4	21.3	155.8	49.3
1957-58	27.4	12.0	19.4	19.5	28.6(e)	(e)	10.1	8.2	6.5	(f)	(f)	31.8(f)	163.5	56.3
1958-59	28.8	11.2	19.5	18.4	24.9	4.2	10.9	8.6	6.6	5.6	4.8	21.3	164.8	55.3
Sept. Qr.														
1956	6.6	2.9	4.4	3.8	6.6(e)	(e)	2.4	1.6	1.5	(f)	(f)	6.6(f)	36.4	11.5
1957	6.6	3.1	4.5	4.2	6.7(e)	(e)	2.5	1.9	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.0(f)	38.1	13.6
1958	7.0	2.8	4.6	4.0	5.9	1.0	2.5	1.9	1.6	1.3	1.1	4.4	38.1	13.0
1959	7.5	2.9	5.0	4.2	6.3	1.1	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.4	1.1	4.5	40.8	14.7
Dec. Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.8	4.7	8.2(e)	(e)	2.7	2.3	1.6	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	41.6	12.5
1957	7.2	3.0	5.0	5.3	8.5(e)	(e)	2.9	2.6	1.8	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	44.4	14.7
1958	7.6	2.8	5.0	5.2	7.1	1.2	3.1	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.3	5.2	44.7	14.1
1959	8.0	2.9	5.6	5.2	7.6	1.3	3.3	3.4	2.0	1.6	1.4	5.5	47.8	17.0
March Qr.														
1956	6.4	2.6	4.8	4.6	5.8(e)	(e)	2.3	2.1	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	37.8	12.7
1957	6.3	2.7	4.7	4.9	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.1(f)	38.4	12.1
1958	6.7	2.9	5.0	5.4	6.0(e)	(e)	2.4	2.0	1.5	(f)	(f)	8.5(f)	40.4	14.0
1959	7.0	2.7	5.2	5.0	5.1	0.9	2.6	2.0	1.5	1.3	1.2	5.6	40.1	13.9
1960	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	(g)	45.6	(g)
June Qr.														
1956	6.7	2.8	4.3	3.7	7.3(e)	(e)	2.5	1.5	1.4	(f)	(f)	7.5(f)	37.7	11.1
1957	6.6	2.9	4.7	4.2	7.3(e)	(e)	2.6	1.8	1.5	(f)	(f)	7.8(f)	39.4	13.2
1958	6.9	3.0	4.9	4.6	7.4(e)	(e)	2.3	1.7	1.6	(f)	(f)	8.2(f)	40.6	14.0
1959	7.2	2.9	4.7	4.2	6.8	1.1	2.7	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.2	6.1	41.9	14.3

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are subject to revision. (b) Excludes basic building materials (e.g. Timber, Building Sheets, Tiles, Joinery, Cement). (c) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (d) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc. (e) Footwear is included with Clothing, Drapery, Soft Furnishings. (f) Chemists' Goods and Papers, Books, Stationery are included with Other Goods. (g) Not yet available.

MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS

Item	Unit	APRIL		Ten Months ended APRIL	
		1960	1959	1960	1959
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	482	444	4,492	4,328
Bricks - Clay (a)	'000	7,869	8,616	83,129	76,790
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	135	136	1,203	1,090
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,747	1,880	19,723	18,863
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	27,841	28,129	309,111	245,705
Tiles, Roofing - Cement	'000	456	567	4,725	4,665
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (b)	'000 sup.ft.	11,358	16,907	167,595	173,329
<u>Clothing</u>					
Blazers - Men's and Boys'	number	1,336	807	9,454	8,471
Pyjamas, Woven - Men's and Boys'	dozen	906	1,399	9,988	10,758
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	4,072	3,758	51,035	46,863
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	number	30	31	478	522
- 2 piece	"	1,477	1,134	14,168	12,669
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,930	5,107	62,572	48,971
- Work	"	13,924	16,758	155,129	129,403
<u>Footwear</u>					
Boots, Shoes and Sandals (all types)	pair	54,267	39,343	496,754	470,450
Slippers	"	12,693	19,087	138,234	190,112
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Aerated Waters	'000 gallon	267	249	3,873	3,694
Cordials and Syrups	gallon	11,128	12,940	178,480	207,358
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	511	540	5,711	5,566
Butter	"	359	189	14,123	12,079
Cheese	"	74	59	2,796	2,226
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acid - Acetic	cwt.	501	381	5,993	5,550
- Sulphuric	ton	25,635	17,886	184,250	165,707
Coal	"	58,409	72,172	731,679	732,875
Electricity Generated	'000 kwh.	73,520	71,980	759,145	720,271
Gas Produced	million cub. ft.	118	114	1,165	1,174
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	3,023	2,850	31,968	28,025
- Woven Wire(c)	"	1,901	9,181	18,027	18,341
- Soft Filled	"	2,532	2,837	28,938	28,909
Motor Vehicle Bodies - Truck Trays	"	52	32	540	371
Pig Iron	ton	4,040	2,812	38,296	17,423
Superphosphate	"	69,088	48,214	508,151	454,214
Wool - Scoured	'000 lb.	2,581	2,573	28,100	22,485

- (a) Includes Fancy Bricks, Brickettes, Squints, Bullnoses, etc.
 (b) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.
 (c) Includes mattresses made and incorporated in folding beds and stretchers.

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PERTH, Western Australia
 5th July, 1960.

